

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1 through 51 were originally pending in this application. The Office Action states that the application has claims directed to the following patentably distinct species of the claimed invention:

Species 1, the embodiment shown in Fig. 2; Species 2, the embodiment shown in Fig. 3; Species 3, the embodiment shown in Fig. 4; Species 4, the embodiment shown in Fig. 5; Species 5, the embodiment shown in Fig. 6; Species 6, the embodiment shown in Fig. 7; Species 7, the embodiment shown in Fig. 8; Species 8, the embodiment shown in Fig. 9; Species 9, the embodiment shown in Fig. 10; Species 10, the embodiment shown in Fig. 11; Species 11, the embodiment shown in Fig. 12; and Species 12, the embodiment shown in Fig. 13.

Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 121, applicants are required to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. Currently, the Office has indicated that no claims have been determined to be generic. Applicants hereby further state that the election must include a listing of the claims that are readable on the elected species.

Applicants hereby elect, with traverse, species 8 comprising Fig. 9.

Applicants further submit that Fig. 7 or species 6, Fig. 8 or species 7, and Fig. 9 or species 8 should not be subject to the restriction and should be examined together. For similar reasons to those stated below, Figs. 7 and 8 should be included and examined with Fig. 9 because these embodiments all describe snap-fit arrangements of the magneto-mechanical pressure sensor. Additionally, species 6, 7, and 8 are to be searched by the Office in the same search class. Species 6, 7, and 8 should be included and examined together because these embodiments are within the same field of search. Any patents, publications, or references that may relate to patentability of the claims of one of these species will be undoubtedly uncovered in the Office's search concerning the claims of the other two species. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the restriction/election requirement are requested.

Applicants submit that Fig. 2 or species 1, and Fig. 3 or species 2 should not be subject to the restriction since Fig. 3 is a side section of Fig. 2 and should be examined together. Claims to be restricted to different species must recite the mutually exclusive characteristic of such species. Fig. 2 should be included and examined with Fig. 3 because these embodiments are not mutually exclusive relative to Fig. 2. Also, species 1 and 2 are to be searched by the Office in the same search class. Species 1 should be included and examined with species 2 because these embodiments are within the same field of search. Any patents, publications, or references that may relate to patentability of the claims of species 1 will be undoubtedly uncovered in the Office's search concerning the claims of species 2. Reconsideration and

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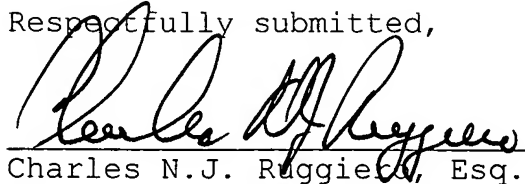
withdrawal of the restriction/election requirement are requested.

Nonetheless in order to comply with the Action, applicants hereby elect, with traverse, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.143 species 8, namely Fig. 9. Claims 1 through 7, and 28 through 31 read on species 8. Claims 8 to 27, and 32 to 51 have been cancelled without prejudice from the application in order to file these claims as a future divisional patent application. Applicants further reserve the right to prosecute the non-elected claims in the future as a possible divisional application.

Allowance of claims 1 through 7, and 28 through 31 is earnestly solicited.

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